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1. DE 197 09 016 A1
2. DE 100 48 130 A1
3. US 6,470,559 B1
4. English abstract of JP 2001074114 A

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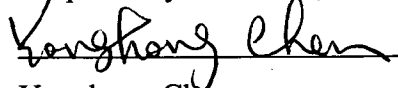
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